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## Press Release

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### **PFD filing deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

**Juneau** – The March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to apply for the 2016 Permanent Fund Dividend is just around the corner! Our offices will be closed in observation of Seward's Day, on Monday of that week, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Because the final days of filing are historically extremely busy days for our offices, we highly encourage people to submit applications as soon as possible. Online submission is best!

If you are an Alaskan resident who has not yet filed a 2016 PFD application, go to [www.pfd.alaska.gov](http://www.pfd.alaska.gov) to submit your online application or search for a paper application distribution site near you. Online applications must be **completed** before midnight, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, Alaska Time. Paper applications must be received or postmarked by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The PFD Division's online system will take care of most PFD filing needs. All Alaskans who have internet access are encouraged to utilize [www.pfd.alaska.gov](http://www.pfd.alaska.gov) to file. The online submission process is faster than a paper application, gives you a digital record of your submission, and can be tracked easily. This year, the average time to online file is 7 minutes! The Division would like to remind you that signature pages (e-signatures or by paper) do not have to be submitted by the March 31<sup>st</sup> application deadline. At this time, if you are submitting a paper signature, the Division recommends that you submit those immediately after April 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid long lines at the office locations.

Sara Race, PFD Division Director, encourages you to consider the voluntary contribution options available when you file online. Pick.Click.Give. is a great way to share a portion of your dividend with an Alaskan charitable organization that is important to you. Check out their special promotion this year to Double Your Dividend at [www.pickclickgive.org](http://www.pickclickgive.org). You can also designate half of a dividend to the UA College Savings Plan, and help a child in your life save for their future education, as well as getting entered into their \$25,000 Scholarship Account Giveaway. Find out more at [www.uacollegesavings.com](http://www.uacollegesavings.com).

In 2016, eligible applicants will be paid on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, by either direct deposit or check. The 2016 dividend amount will be announced in late September. You can check your application status at any time by going to the PFD website and clicking on the blue myPFD button.

To speak with someone in-person you may call the PFD Division at 465-2326 (Juneau area), 269-0370 (Anchorage area) and 451-2820 (Fairbanks area), or email [dor.pfd.info@alaska.gov](mailto:dor.pfd.info@alaska.gov) for additional assistance. Public computers are available for online filing at all three PFD Division Offices during regular business hours.

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